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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1211

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1211 immediately  
3 after the title, by inserting the following:

4 "WHEREAS, The State of Illinois owns certain real property  
5 in the City of Chicago in the Dunning Community Area in Cook  
6 County, located in Township 40 North, Range 13 East, Section  
7 18, that is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Human  
8 Services for the operation of the Chicago Read Mental Health  
9 Center; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately 30 acres of the Chicago Read Mental  
11 Health Center property contain 2 wetlands, an emergent wetland,  
12 and other open space that benefit the protection of the Des  
13 Plaines watershed; and

14 Whereas, State-owned wetlands are governed by and must be  
15 managed according to the Interagency Wetlands Policy Act of  
16 1989 and provisions of Part 1090 of Title 17 of the Illinois  
17 Administrative Code; and

18 Whereas, The mission of the Illinois Department of Human  
19 Services is to improve the health, well-being, and quality of  
20 life of Illinois citizens; and

21 Whereas, Parks, open spaces, and forests are important  
22 components for the health and well-being of urban residents,

1 contributing to the prevention and amelioration of illness not  
2 only by facilitating improvements in physical fitness through  
3 exercise, but also by facilitating positive emotional,  
4 intellectual, and social experiences; and

5       Whereas, The Dunning Community Area, in which the property  
6 is located, has been identified as underserved by open space  
7 and parks in the Land Policies Plans completed by the City and  
8 the Chicago Park District, that note that 2 large segments of  
9 the Dunning Community have no open space or parkland  
10 whatsoever; and

11       Whereas, The Dunning property was originally donated to  
12 Cook County in 1868 by the Dunning family for health and social  
13 purposes and was operated by the County as a "poor farm" and a  
14 facility for the mentally ill until 1912; and

15       Whereas, In 1912 Cook County conveyed the 235-acre Dunning  
16 property to the State of Illinois to be used for health and  
17 social purposes as stated in the original land covenant;  
18 therefore"; and

19 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
20 following:

21       "Section 5. The Illinois Department of Human Services is  
22 hereby authorized to grant and convey a permanent conservation  
23 easement to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on a  
24 parcel containing 30 acres, more or less, that is located in  
25 Section 18, Township 40 North, Range 13 East of the third  
26 principal meridian, Cook County, Illinois, situated to the West  
27 and South of the Chicago Read Mental Health Center, for the  
28 purpose of preserving and protecting the wetlands and forested  
29 area for the benefit of the patients of the facility, the

1 community, and the general public, this 30-acre parcel being  
2 more particularly described under Section 10 of this Act.

3 Section 10. A parcel containing 30 acres, more or less,  
4 located in Section 18, Township 40 North, Range 13 East of the  
5 third principal meridian, Cook County, Illinois, situated to  
6 the West and South of the Chicago Read Mental Health Center, a  
7 more accurate description to be made by an Illinois  
8 professional land surveyor, the cost of the survey to be paid  
9 for by Friends of the Parks.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11 becoming law."